

step to give back to the community in which they live and work without asking anything in return.

It is a great honor to be able to rise today and commend this giving group of people from Springfield, Massachusetts. Their commitment to family entertainment and charity is admirable and sets an excellent example to others. This spring the Melha Shriners will go out with their circus tent. And this spring for the 50th year in a row, they will bring laughs to children, smiles to adults, and they will give back to the community as only they can do. I am proud to be a long-time supporter of the Melha Shriners, and so I wish you luck with the circus this year and hope for 50 more years of the Shriners.

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES E.  
CARNES**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, James E. Carnes served the people of Ohio as a member of the Ohio State Senate for 9 years; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has served as Chairman of the Senate's Finance Committee, overseeing the State budget; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes is currently the longest serving member of the Ohio State Senate; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has used his position within the Ohio State Senate to help better the lives of thousands of people; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes has been appointed to continue his service to the citizens of Ohio as the Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, James E. Carnes must be commended for his dedication to improving the State of Ohio and his willingness to continue this service through his new appointment.

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating James E. Carnes' 9 years of service in the Ohio State Senate and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

**CELEBRATING WISCONSIN'S  
LEGAL HISTORY**

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an important historic program that celebrates famous cases throughout Wisconsin's legal history and honors Wisconsin's Women Jurists.

This year, Wisconsinites have had the opportunity to take part in a traveling exhibit showcasing the rich history of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The exhibit examines several of the influential cases Wisconsin has confronted during its over 150 years, including slavery, women's suffrage, and mandatory education for children. I commend the members of the Wisconsin Legal History Com-

mittee for their efforts in developing this exhibit so that this generation has the opportunity to learn from Wisconsin's extensive legal history.

On March 17, 2004, for the first time in Wisconsin's history, Judge Maxine A. White, District Director of the National Association of Women Judges, with the assistance of over 25 sponsoring legal associations and community groups, will unveil the portraits of fifteen Wisconsin Women Jurists who are retired or deceased. I am excited that the changing face of the Wisconsin judiciary is being recognized in this exhibit. These 15 female jurists served the courts of Wisconsin between 1972 and 2003 and covered eight different counties across the State—Olga Bennett, Vernon County Court (1969–75); Vel R. Phillips, Milwaukee County Court (1971–73); Martha Bablitch, Court of Appeals, District IV (1978–85); Leah M. Lampon, Milwaukee County Circuit Court (1978–93); Donna J. Muza, Dunn County Circuit Court (1979–98); Arlene D. Connors, Milwaukee County Circuit Court (1980–98); Janine P. Geske, Milwaukee County Circuit Court (1981–93); Wisconsin Supreme Court (1993–98); Vivi L. Dilweg, Brown County Circuit Court (1982–99); Marianne E. Becker, Waukesha County Circuit Court (1985–2003); Paulette L. Siebers (1985–86), Dane County Circuit Court; Susan R. Steingass, Dane County Circuit Court (1985–93); Virginia A. Wolfe, Sauk County Circuit Court (1988–2000); Louise Tesmer, Milwaukee County Circuit Court (1989–2001); Jacqueline Schellinger, Milwaukee County Circuit Court (1992–2003); Nancy E. Wheeler, Racine County Circuit Court (1993–98).

I have had the privilege of getting to know several of these amazing women, and it has been such an honor to learn from them.

I would also like to congratulate and commend Judge White on her leadership of this event, and Wisconsin Justice Ann Walsh Bradley, who will receive the prestigious American Judicature Society's "Herbert Harley" Award at the March 17 event. The "Herbert Harley" Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding efforts to improve the administration of justice in their State. Justice Ann Walsh Bradley is certainly deserving of this award for her tireless work on behalf of Wisconsin.

**TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF DON RICHARDSON'S RETIREMENT FROM  
HIGHLAND PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Don Richardson from Highland Park High School on the occasion of his upcoming retirement. I have the pleasure of representing Highland Park High School in Congress, and I am proud to have four alums from Highland Park High School on my staff and two of them that played football for Coach Richardson.

Coach Richardson retires as the defensive coordinator for the Highland Park Scots football team. Don Richardson has been a career educator for 34 years, including 31 distinguished years with the Highland Park Independent School District. In his capacity with the Highland Park football team, Coach Rich-

ardson has been a jack-of-all-trades. In his tenure, he has served as the head football coach, offensive coordinator, offensive line coach, and defensive coordinator.

I salute Coach Richardson for the positive influence that he has had on his players and students over the last 31 years. Off the playing field, he has been an outstanding government and history teacher for Highland Park High School. Coach Richardson was selected by his teaching peers as the Highland Park High School Teacher of the Year for 1998–1999. He is a role model of leadership and dependability, and he will be greatly missed by future Highland Park football teams and by his former players and fans in the stands on Friday nights. Highland Park's football team is a benchmark of success within Dallas County year in and year out. Coach Richardson's coaching abilities greatly contribute to the team's victories on the field, as he puts his players in the best positions to make game-changing plays.

Highland Park's football team has historically been one of the best programs in the State. Highland Park ranks fourth in the State for all-time victories with 637 and is fifth in all-time playoff victories with 62.

Coach Richardson's family has played a vital role in his success over the years. Don's loving wife, Carolyn, and children, Sharla Cassiano and Kyle Richardson, have brought him great warmth and support. Sharla was an All-Sun Belt Conference volleyball player at Louisiana Tech, and Kyle played linebacker for the University of Texas Longhorns.

I wish Coach Richardson and his family a pleasant start to his well-earned retirement, and I thank him for his years of dedicated service in education.

**A PROCLAMATION COMMEMORATING THE 99TH BIRTHDAY OF  
THE BRIDGEPORT AERIE NO. 995**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, the Bridgeport Aerie No. 995 Fraternal Order of Eagles is celebrating 99 years of service to the Bridgeport area; and

Whereas, the Bridgeport Eagles have contributed untold volunteer hours in building character, citizenship, and leadership to the community; and

Whereas, the Bridgeport Eagles must be commended for its hard work and dedication in providing an outstanding service to the Bridgeport area; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of Bridgeport and the entire 18th Congressional District in recognizing the Bridgeport Aerie No. 995 Fraternal Order of Eagles for 99 years of community service.

**PERSONAL EXPLANATION**

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 2, 2004*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Tuesday, February 24,